

I am a devoted XM radio listener, and believe very strongly that they and other satellite radio providers should be permitted to offer local traffic and weather reports. To rule otherwise would make a mockery of freedom of choice and commerce, and serve only to thwart the ability of XM and others to become thriving alternatives to the wasteland that is free commercial radio. The growth of satellite radio is evidence that people nationwide are seeking another choice in their listening options -- that choice should not be artificially limited by a declining industry seeking only to retain a monopoly on disseminating certain public information over the radio. I thus respectfully, and strongly, urge the FCC to reject the NAB Petition 04-160 in order to allow freedom of choice to prevail. Thank you.

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